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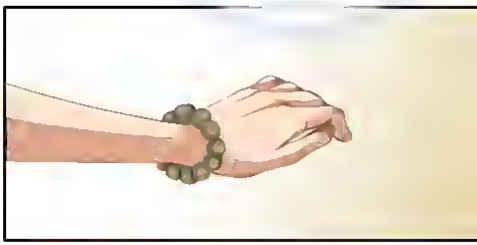
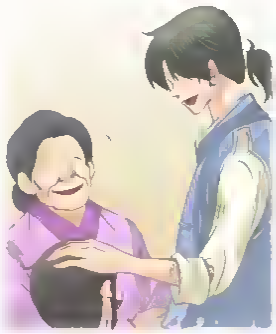


But to think Mokyoung ahjussi was a fox... How surprising.

Ahjussi was Mom's friend, and he came once every month to see how we were doing.



And each time,
he would bring herbs
for Grandma...

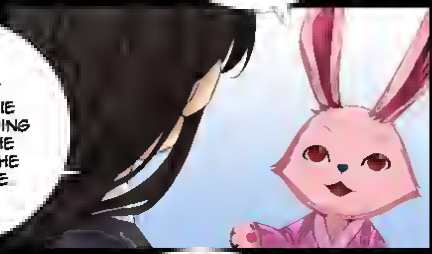
Did mom...

A THOUSAND YEARS AGO...

OR MORE PRECISELY, 900 YEARS AGO..

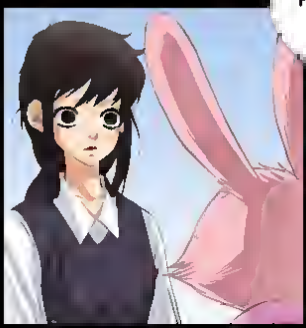
HE SAID THERE WAS SOMEONE HE WAS WAITING FOR.

AND THAT HE MIGHT DIE BEFORE FINDING THEM. SO HE ORDERED THE ELIXIR ONCE.



HE TOLD US HE'D GATHER HERBS FOR PAYMENT...

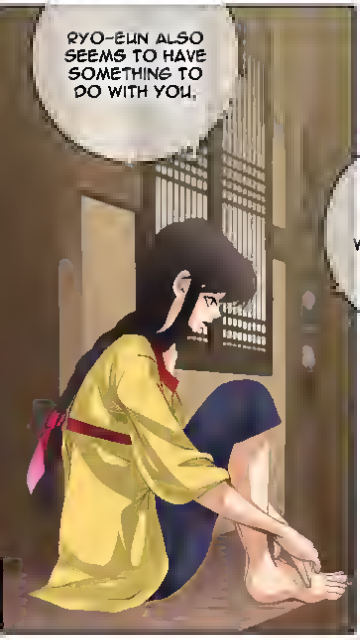
THAT WENT ON FOR A FEW HUNDRED YEARS, UNTIL WE FELT TOO ASHAMED. THAT'S WHEN WE STARTED BUYING THE HERBS FROM HIM.



AND THAT'S HOW WE STARTED TO GIVE THE ELIXIR TO FOXES FROM TIME TO TIME.

Someone he's waiting for...?

I DON'T CARE WHO OR WHAT THAT GUY'S WAITING FOR.
HE JUST NEEDS TO STAY OUT OF MY WAY.
WHY DIDN'T YOU EVER TELL ME THAT HE WAS A FOX?
IS IT SOMETHING THAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW?
IT'S NOT LIKE ANYTHING CHANGES BECAUSE OF THAT.


RYO-EUN ALSO SEEMS TO HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOU.
AND AFTER LISTENING TO WHAT JANG SAID LAST TIME...
I FEEL LIKE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING.

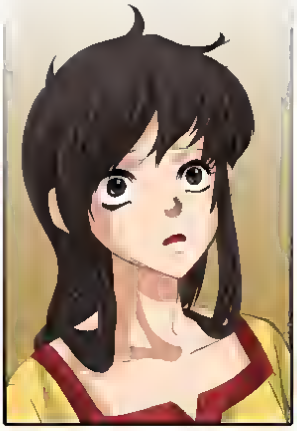
And thinking of it...
That Fire Fox as well...
It's so upsetting.

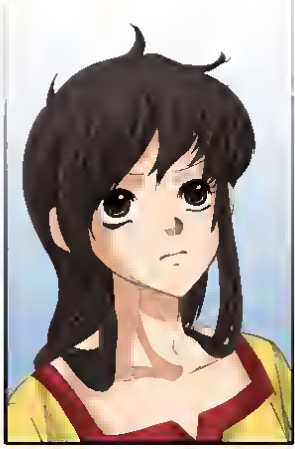
WELL...

THEY'RE ALL TIES THAT WILL BE SEVERED ONCE THE REINCARNATION APPEARS.

DON'T GET TOO ATTACHED TO THEM.

Ties to be severed?





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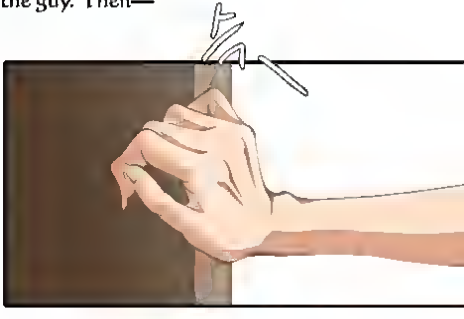
THEN ONCE THE REINCARNATION APPEARS—

ONCE YOU LEAVE THE SCROLL, YOU'RE GOING TO SEVER TIES WITH US AS WELL?

WHAT SORT OF HARSH, COLD WORDS ARE THOSE?

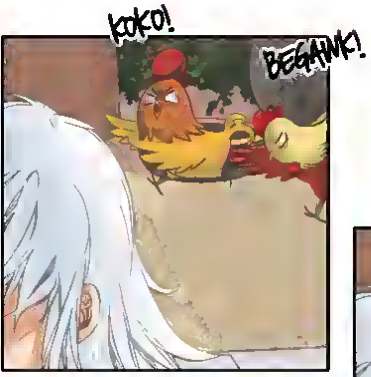
SO YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE AS SOON AS YOU LEAVE THE SCROLL?!

First, I'll kill the guy. Then—



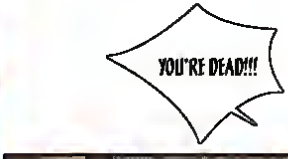
I'M GOING TO STAY HERE UNTIL YOU RECEIVE A GOD.
SINCE I PROMISED TO PROTECT YOU

What...


KOKO!
BEGAWK!

KOKOOO!

UGH! LATELY, YOU'VE BEEN SO CALM. NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOU'RE PICKING A FIGHT WITH ME?!


YOU'RE DEAD!!!

A promise

I-It's scary!
It's scary,
I tell you.

Whine

I'm scared!
I'm scared...

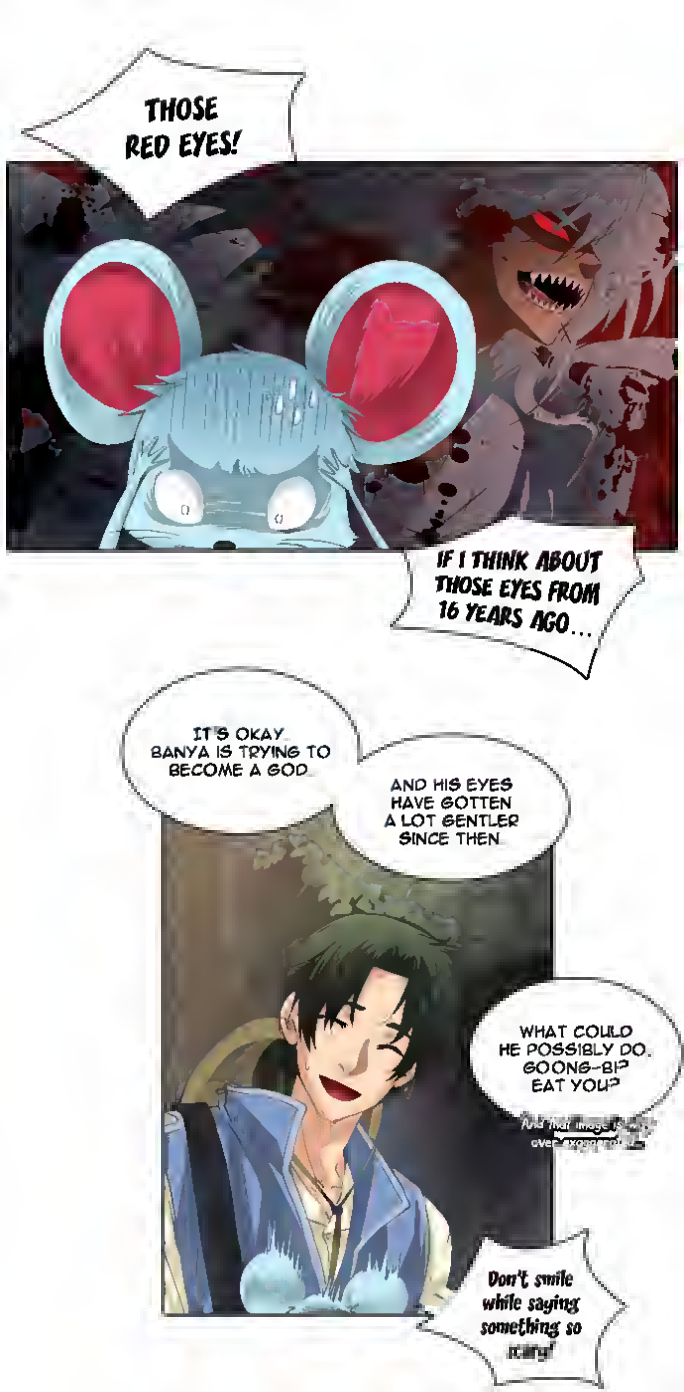
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE.

Whine
Whine Whine

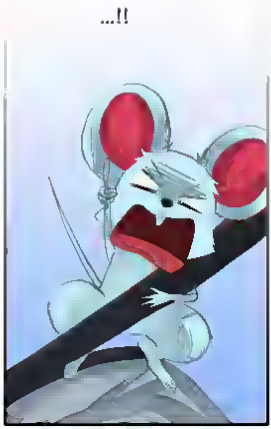
I'm scared!
I'm scared...

I NORMALLY WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU TO WAIT AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN,

BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED SINCE THE RABBIT GODS AREN'T SELLING RICE CAKES
IT COULD BE THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED IF JUST THIS ONCE, IT'S BETTER THAT WE'RE TOGETHER
I don't care how long it takes! Can't I just stay under the mountain? That Ninetails is scary!!
HAHA! BUT BANYA IS SO CUTE~
CUTE MY ASS!!
HE'S ONLY CUTE IN YOUR EYES!


THOSE RED EYES!
IF I THINK ABOUT THOSE EYES FROM 16 YEARS AGO...
IT'S OKAY. BANYA IS TRYING TO BECOME A GOD.
AND HIS EYES HAVE GOTTEN A LOT GENTLER SINCE THEN.
WHAT COULD HE POSSIBLY DO. GOONG-BI? EAT YOU?
Don't smile while saying something so scary!

You're a fox too!!
To me, you're all the same!!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Eek!

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KOKO!
BANYA!
HUH?

WHOA!!

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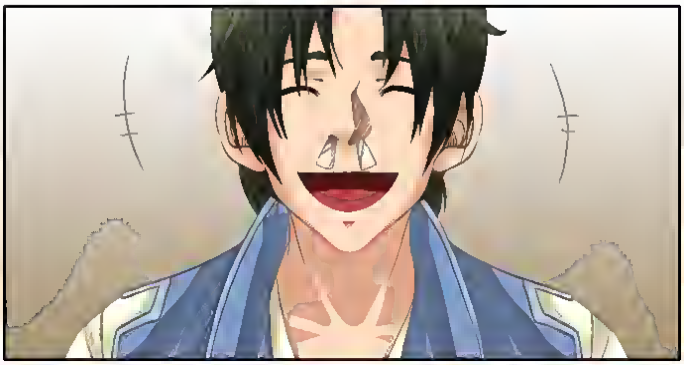
꺄악!!

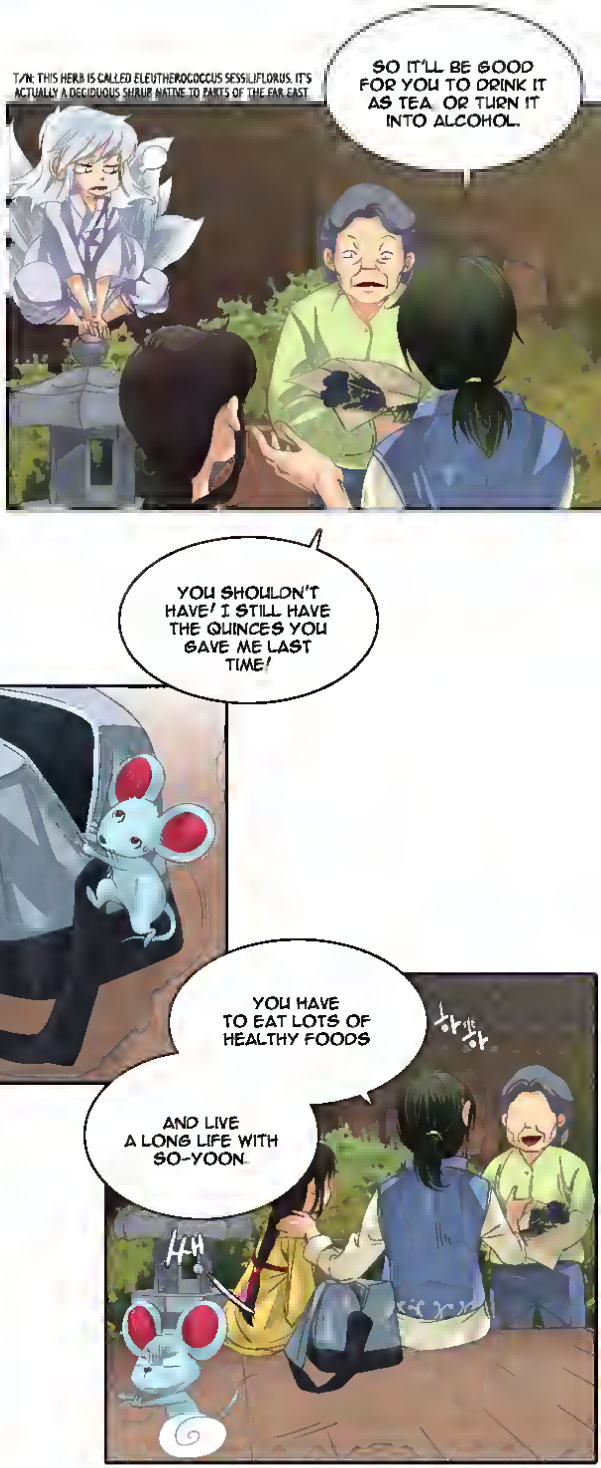
OW...
AHJUSSI!
HAHAHA.
HI, SO-YOON!

HAHA!
BANYA AND
KOKO...

ARE STILL
THE SAME!



SERIOUSLY, I'M FED UP WITH THEIR SH*T. I CHASED THEM 'CAUSE THEY WERE MAKING A MESS IN THE YARD.
BUT THEY MANAGED TO MAKE TROUBLE ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE ANYWAY.
YOU REALLY HAVE A NASTY MOUTH, OLD HAG HUH?!
T/N: HALMEONIM WOULD TRANSLATE TO GRANDMOTHER, RATHER THAN MOTHER.
T/N: HE CALLS HER GRANDMOTHER, ONLY BECAUSE HE'S ACQUAINTED WITH SO-YODN.
Haha
IT'S NICE TO SEE THAT YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED EITHER, HALMEONIM*!
I FOUND THIS HERB WHILE I WAS TRAVELING
THEY SAY IT'S GOOD FOR JOINT PAIN AND SUCH.


T/N: THIS HERB IS CALLED ELEUTHEROCOCCUS SESSILIFLORUS. IT'S ACTUALLY A DECIDUOUS SHRUB NATIVE TO PARTS OF THE FAR EAST
SO IT'LL BE GOOD FOR YOU TO DRINK IT AS TEA, OR TURN IT INTO ALCOHOL.
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE! I STILL HAVE THE QUINCES YOU GAVE ME LAST TIME!
YOU HAVE TO EAT LOTS OF HEALTHY FOODS
AND LIVE A LONG LIFE WITH SO-YOON.
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HMM? WHAT'S WRONG? IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO TELL ME?

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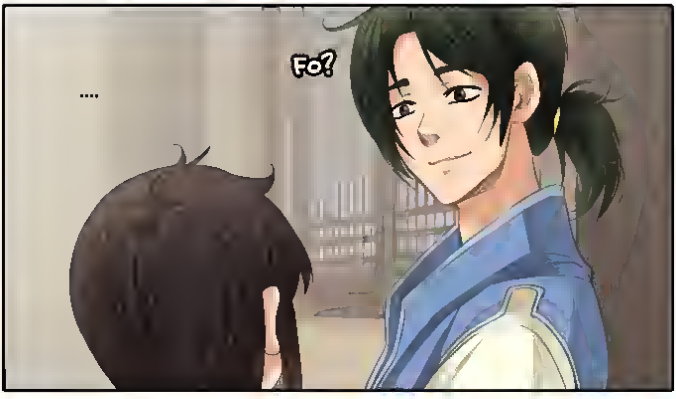
AHJUSSI, ARE YOU REALLY...

A FO-



No...I'm sure
he didn't tell me
for a reason.

Who cares if he's
a human or a fox?
As Banya said.

Besides, nothing will change the fact he's like a father to me

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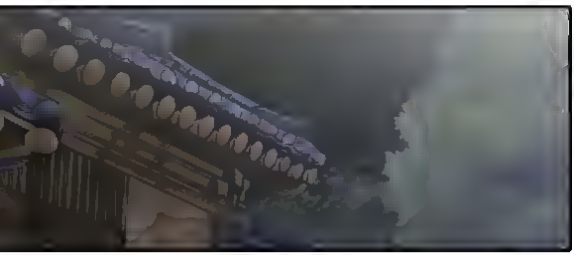
Phuew...As I thought, I'm too scared to stay here.
I have to hurry

Still, there's a limit to how far I can go as a mouse..

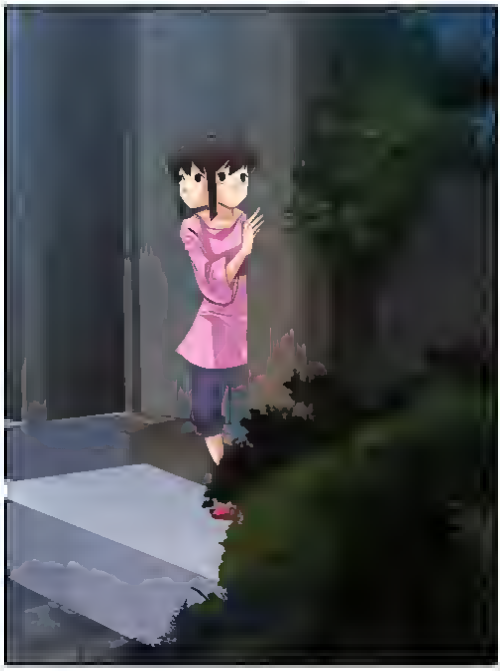
All right!



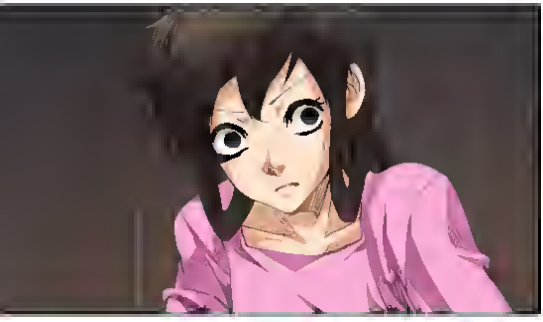
IT SEEMS SO-YOON FOUND OUT.
I'M SURE SHE WAS UPSET THAT I HADN'T TOLD HER SOONER.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, THANKS TO THAT RYO-EUN KID,
THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE LOOKING FOR THAT PHONY HAS INCREASED.

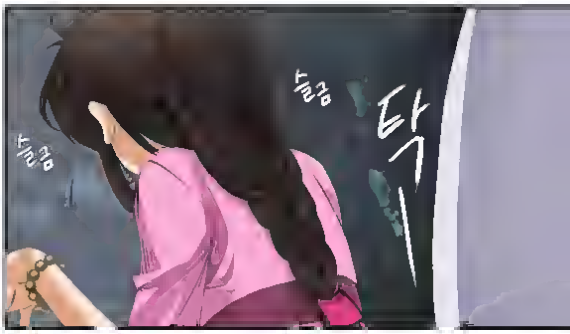
Ryo-Eun?!



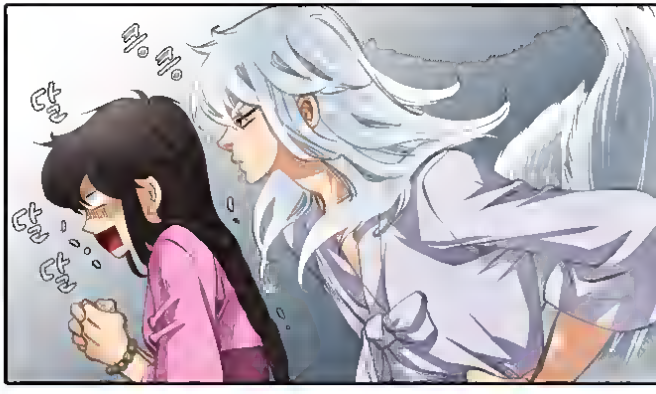
I have to hurry down...
Before someone notices.

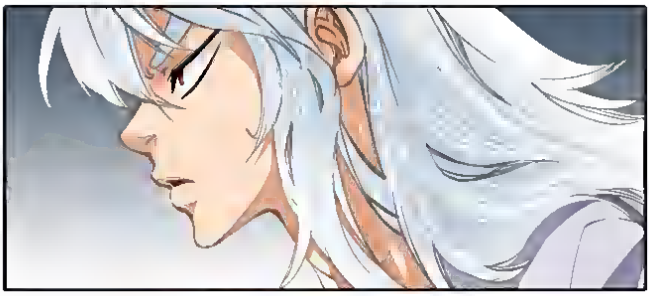


I have to get out of this hellhole!



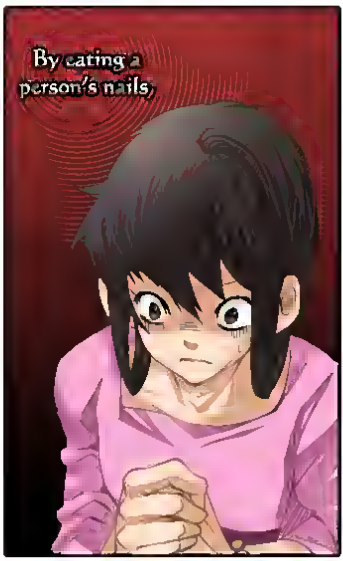
Eeeeek!
D-Did he catch on?
Was I found out?





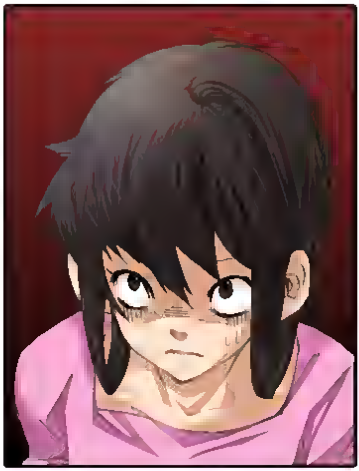
YOU...
KINDA SMELL DIFFERENT.

As long as I'm disguised as this human...



I can read the thoughts and memories stored in their souls

I see...
This girl's
feelings...



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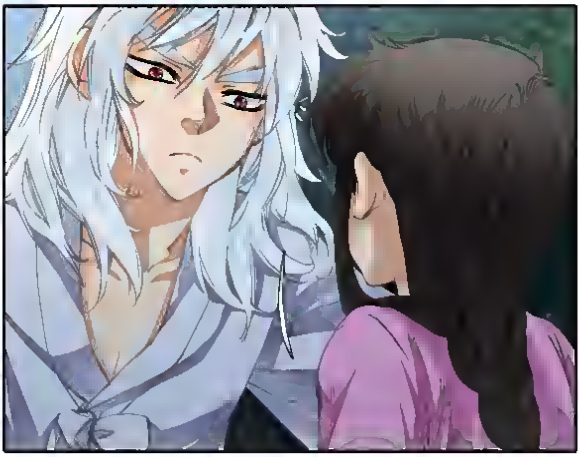

I LIKE YOU.

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